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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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II. Copies of Listed References

☒ A. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being supplied. Copies of U.S. patents are not included pursuant to Pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003.

☐ B. Copies of all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 have already been supplied during the prosecution of prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____, from which the present application claims priority pursuant to 35 USC § 120. Therefore, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

☐ C. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and PCT/DO/EO/903 indicates that both the international search report and the copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in this national stage file. Therefore, copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are not now being supplied.

III. Concise Statement of Relevance

☒ A. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are in the English language, and, therefore, a concise statement of relevance is not required.

☐ B. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are referred to in the specification and/or were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report,

which indicates the degree of relevance found by the Search Authority, is attached.

The Examiner will note that English language counterparts or Abstracts of non-English language references are also enclosed, as follows:

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- ☐ C. All references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the search report issued by the _____ Patent Office, and an English-language version of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by that Patent Office, is attached.
- ☐ D. This application is a PCT national stage application, all references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the international search report, and a copy of that search report, which indicates the degree of relevance found by the International Search Authority, is attached.
- ☐ E. All listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were cited during the prosecution of the prior application indicated above under II.B.

IV. Additional Information

- ☐ A. In addition to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the following abandoned or co-pending U.S. patent applications:

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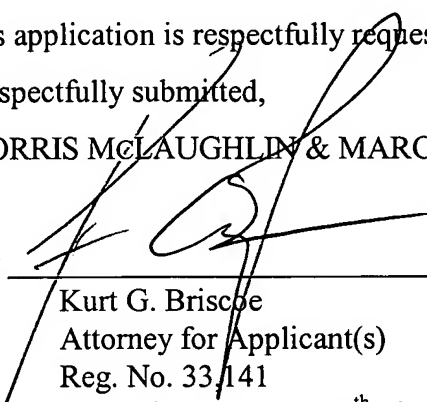
☐ B. In addition of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the information provided on the attached sheet.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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